

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 6, 7, 16, and 27 have been amended. No claims have currently been canceled or added. Claims 50 and 51 have previously been canceled. Claims 1–49 remain in the application. Claims 31–49 have previously been allowed. Reconsideration of the application is requested.

Summary of the Amendments

Amendments to the Claims

Claims 6 and 7 have been amended to recite that the sensor is “designed to respond to a range of pressure corresponding to a range of pressure normally found” in a vascular aneurysm (Claim 6) or a chamber of a patient’s heart (Claim 7).

Claims 16 and 17 have been amended to delete multiple dependency.

Claim 27 has been amended to correct a typographical error.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 6 and 7 have been rejected under § 112 for failing to provide any structural limitations and instead reciting only intended use. Claims 6 and 7 have now been amended to overcome this rejection.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1–30 have been rejected as anticipated by Allen (US 6,111,520). The rejections are respectfully traversed. Claim 1 recites that “the sensor is sufficiently flexible to be folded for delivery percutaneously.” The Examiner has failed to address the absence of

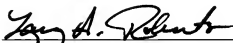
this feature from Allen '520 and has therefore failed to establish a prima facie case of unpatentability.

With further respect to Claim 1, the Examiner has failed to identify any disclosure in Allen '520 that suggests manufacturing the sensor from "biocompatible materials." The Examiner has made unsupported contentions that the sensor of Allen '520 "can be" made from biocompatible materials. However, for an invention to be anticipated, every feature of the invention must be shown in a single prior art reference. If the Examiner must combine Allen '520 with teachings that are not disclosed in the reference, then the claims are not "anticipated," and the Examiner has again failed to establish a prima facie case of unpatentability.

While no additional fees are believed due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees and credit any refund to Deposit Account No. 11-0855.

The foregoing is believed fully responsive to the Office Action dated March 13, 2008. Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance issue in this case.

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